FEMININE FANCIES-THINGS OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

RS, OUSTWED VISITS OMMER.

mourn the separation every now and then

with appropriate remorse. Mrs. J. had

an out-and-out case of cold feet and the

The trunk had long since been dis-

patched and they were putting the re-

maining odds and ends into Mrs. J.'s

"And I without you, Blossom-sweet,"

"Will you miss me very much, Homer, ve-r-y much?" asked Mrs. Justwed for

the hundredth time in two hours, "Miss you!" Mr. J. exclaimed, for pre-

cisely the same number of times, "miss you! Well, I just guess, yes! Why I'll be like a fish out of water, a monk away

from his cloister, a-a-a man without a

and hand-mirror decisively.

"What!" cried Mr. J.

away and tell her to come on!"

Mr. J. smiled back.

gested that she visit her mother. for a week or so, Mr. frowned. When she dilated upon the solemn obligation her marriage to make herself and her mother total strangers-simply because she happened to live in one city and her in another some eighty miles distant-Mr. Justwed came out frankly and flatly and stated that he thought the whole thing absurd and a luxury far beyond the logical expenditure of their

But, when Mrs. Justwed suggested that since he felt that way about it, "Mommight just as well visit them-Mr. Justwed capitulated so quickly that Mrs. J. was sorely puzzled.

And her wonderment grew each day, for Mr. J. boomed the proposed trip at breakfast, at dinner and even while reading the evening paper sround their "tenforty" mission table in the living room. Perhaps it was merely to call Mrs. J.'s attention to an advertisement of some thing or other that she simply ought to have for the journey-but pause he did. in his reading, and explain—whereas Mr. J. usually grew hopelessly peevish and irritable if interrupted in his perusal of

He brought home timetables galore He wrote to "Mommer" himself, stating exactly what time Mrs. J. would arrive and expanded and amplified the otter borror and despair Mrs. J. would experience should she, by any chance, arrive at the station and find no one there to meet her. He walked to the bank of a morning, got out an old pipe and cut provide but the plainest of food for the week preceding the journey-in order to insure the means to finance the trip. And Mrs. Justwed's wonder grew each day. Indeed, it seemed that Homer-dear was anxious for her to go. That would never do! Could it be that he planned a wild week of hilarity with the boon companions of his days of single blessed-ness? Did he welcome her departure as

the time of departure drew near. Anyone would admit that, At last the eventful day arrived. Mr. hurried home from the bank an hour before closing time-to be with Mrs. Justwed every moment until ber train left in the late afternoon. Mr. J. was jubilant — remembering, however, to

glorious opportunity to kick over the

traces in one grand, woozely hooray? Hardly. But it was difficult to under-

stand Homer-dear's very apparent joy as

catching his breath, "that is foolish! Here you have an opportunity for a nice trip"-etc-"You need a rest from household cares"-etc-"You are going for a short while only"-etc-"Mommer would never understand"-etc- and a whole lot more just like it.

Though Mrs. J. was obdurate, Homer-dear pleaded eloquently-presenting a thousand and one reasons why "Mommer" should not be asked at the elev enth hour. Finally Mrs. Justwed dried her eyes and went silently, mournfully about her arrangements.

The final obsequies were performed in a gloom as black as midnight, and Mrs. left the apartment, with one last fond look behind, as one who bids adieu to all that is best and dearest in life and sets out for trackless sands and

At the station Mrs. Justwed almost ainted. Mr. J., fevered, nervous, anxious, talked and talked and talked of the pleasures awaiting ber. As an artistic touch he threw in the joy of seeing "Mommer" once more, "Now listen, Homer," Mrs. J. insisted, seizing her opportunity, "it isn't fair that I should see Mommer and you shouldn't-it's selfish of me, very sel-

"Huh?" gasped Mr. J., "what's that?" continued Mrs. Justwed, "that if I stay home and wire Mommer to come on then-then-then both of us "Oh, I don't believe I want to go at all, Homer-dear," sighed Mrs. J. "I'll be will have the pleasure of being with ner. You see!" Mr. Justwed reached for the wall for

"Yes-y-e-s, to be sure! To be sure!"

he stammered, "that would be fine, Blossom-but it's too late new!" And he fairly beat it for the ticket office to purchase Mrs. J.'s passage, Ten minutes later he emerged, hot and dishevelled, from the crowding, shoving line and rushed back to where he had left her. The sultcase was there—but not Mrs. Justwed!

Homer-dear looked wildly around, Ah!

There she was! At the telegraph win-

"What in the world are you doing, Blossom?" he cried. "I-I-I'm sending a wire to Mommer, to come on and-" she started to explain, when the announcer bellowed out, in his deep-sea voice, the name of the town where "Mommer"

He rushed over.

And Mr. J. was right on the job! He grabbed the suitcase in one hand and the ticket and Mrs. J. in the other and hustled them out through the gate, Before Mrs. Justwed could compose her self she was being helped aboard the train by her desperate Homer-dear.

At the top step she turned. "I just know you're crazy for me to go!" she cried, "but I'm coming back the day after tomorrow—and bring

And the train pulled out with Mrs. J., in imminent risk of injury, waving a long, fond, sorrowful adieu from the Mr. Justwed wiped his perspiring

"Whew!" he breathed, "that was Then he went straight to the telegraph window and sent the following wire to

"Blosom en route. Will be over my-

self next week. Keep her until I come. Homer."
"Hum-m-m," mused Mr. Justwed, as he left the station, "I can change my mind in a week-but so can Mommer, doggone it!" To keep cool in Hot Weather.

age man and woman are trying to kcep cool. It is not the heat of midsummer that offends, but the tiresome trritable heat of a humid spring that put everyone out of sorts. The mornings are fine and refreshing, but by evening the spring fever and that nasty, tired, sticky feeling has gotten in its work. There are certain rules that the average woman can follow out if she makes up her mind to do so, and keep cool and healthy during the trying spring

Above all keep the blood cool. One way to do this is to keep the head cool, and by this is meant to always control your temper, no matter what the provocation may be. Hard, isn't it? But not so hard

If your husband comes home tired and dall and in a nasty temper after a hard dry's work, do not be discouraged if he falls to greet you cheerfully. Remember that he has had to contend with the trials of a day. Things may have gone wrong

Be sunny at all times, keep your blood as far away from the fever heat as possible. Meet the old sorehead at the door as though he were the only man that ever lived and try to treat him accordingly. If he grunts over the dinner, smile and mean it. If he scowls becaus particular care hasn't been taken of lit tle Jack's hair or dress or shoes or stockings remind him that Jack is just such a perfect c' : and that he was have ing such a good time that you simply couldn't disturb him in his merriment. This is the best way in the world to

be cool Never argue, never get cross, never let yourself feel that you must be

There are also many physical laws for keeping cool, of course, that should be obeyed. Dress lightly. By this is not meant to show yourself around the street as though you are a lost addition of Salome, but wear everything a well polsed woman should and see that everything is in the best of taste. There are many different ways in which a woman can dress herself in perfect taste and yet be ion's foibles is the existing one that compels a woman to wear so many pounds of hair that nature never endos with in order to meet the necessities of the glaring, flaring, unnecessary, ugly, impossible-looking hat. This chronicler sayeth that the over commodious and oppressive hat will not last throughout the season. For be it said that women are getting to that point, at least in this country, where they throw fashion aside when fashion goes just one step too far in interfering with their comfort.

Diet is, of course, a very important factor in the work of keeping cool. In-stead of consuming all sorts of impossible and injurious foods women should They should not eat anything that in

facilities of digestion. Fats and starches of all kinds should be tabooed, not only for the woman herself, but for every member of the family. This is not a mere keeping cool device. It is an absolute health rule in all warm climates. The markets are flooded with delicious vegetables of all kinds. There are tomatoes, lettuce, endives, onions and other vegetables that can be placed on the table and which your husband will enjoy more than the meats and starch foods with which you have fed him all winter. If you don't know what it is to keep right, wear sensible cloths and dlet right

and then you will begin to feel your blood coursing through your veins easily enough and warmly enough to make you cool and everybody around you happy.

Refreshing Scents.

VERYONE who can afford to spend a nickel takes a long car ride at this season of the year. Suppose the next time you are going to take a ride you select a car line that takes you out in the country where there is a woods. Get off of the car and gather a branch of hickory and bring it home with you and you will be surprised at the delightful odor the leaves give out for a week, which suggests all the delights the poets sing of. Of course, pine has a delightfully healthful odor but the ordinary pine is not what is used for pine pillows, as the needles are too coarse, and are uncomfortable to lie upon. The variety of pine that gives out that delightful aromatic odor has very fine, soft needles, and can be used in summer instead of a pillow.

Fashionable boot-makers decided that women should wear common-sense heels this season. Even the mot casual observer might suggest that women made a decision entirely different,

IN almost every house that has a closet

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country! Miss you! How can you ask such a silly, foolish question?" Mrs. Justwed stopped short in her packing, then dropped the whiskbroom spring cut it a trifle longer than the "I am not going, Homer!" she delength of the room. Do not tack it down for several days, thus allowing it to settle properly. The edges should "No!" reiterated Mrs. J., "I am not then be pasted down to the floor in order going. I simply will not leave you for a whole week! I'll wire Mommer right to keep dirt from working under it. An-I'll wire Mommer right other good suggestion is to put a narrow Mr. Justwed sank on the bed in a strip of molding around the edges next to

> In lighting a new gas range the instructions to first turn on the gas and then strike the match must be followed invariably. Unless this is done the flame will roar and pound and be yellow instead of blue. Besides it will give out very little heat. The explanation of this is that the space between the burner and the stopcock is full of air, which must be

the wall and paint it an appropriate

It is no pleasant job to keep the kitchen sink clean. If it is of galvanized fron cover its surface completely with soap powder. After it has remained on at least 15 minutes scrub the sink with a strong brush in boiling hot water. Care must be taken in keeping the soap pow-If you have no stationary tubs in the

of seltzer and out in the icechest was a bowl of joyful green mint. I fixed up the

brand, found my place in the latest novel and sat for one solid hour in undisturbed

comfort—undisturbed, I say, except for a sort of vague, uncanny feeling that some-

one would call to me to mend the chicken

house or find Willie. I positively revelled in the thought that all I'd have to do

for breakfast in the morning would be to

step across to my boarding-house—and let the maid wash up the dishes. I dreamed about that 'desolate' home-com-

ing generally ascribed to the bachelors

and woke up several times during the

night to congratulate myself on my pres-

ent condition of servitude—to no chickens nor dish towels. Uhuh! Not in my family! Me for the desolate and dreary every day in the week!"

into your tub.

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If your polished table has been spotted by drops of water, etc., pour a small quantity of liquid campher or spirits of camphor on the stain, rub it in well with the palms of the hands. The camphor will not injure the polish of the table and

underwear before you put it away in

be used advantageously in mending the heels of stockings.

A surprisingly attractive little book for your baby may be fashioned out of a flour sack. The cloth should be cut into pieces the size of a double page in the average nursery boos. Then stitch down the middle and paste in it postal cards and various pictures from the magazines or newspapers in which the baby has taken an interest.

It may not work in every case, but there is a certain baby in a large city, who is no longer afraid of water when made his tub alluring to him by placing in the water small toy turtles and fish, most of them made of light tin or wood, and all of them sufficiently bouyant to float. She experienced no more trouble thereafter. Here is a good way to keep your stock-

ings un. Easten together, with a piece in back and one in front, two pieces of tape long enough to reach over the shoulders. Then fasten on each of these stocking up in both front and back and

If the water in your laundry is not very clear, drop in a sack filled with equal

Sit At Your Work.

HILD it isn't possible to do so with every phase of the house-keeper's work a number of tasks keeper's work, a number of tasks may be accomplished as well sitting as standing. Unless one is trained to it standing is very tiresome to the average woman. Sitting is a rest for the back at least. And every household task that can possibly be performed in that attitude should be done so. Scrubbing, sweeping and bed-making, of course, must be done while standing, but there are other things that do not demand this.

Take ironing for instance. Purchase or have made a light high stool, just the right height to give a satisfactory purchase on the iron. After one or two experiments you will discover that you can iron just as well this way as bending over the Loard. There are a thouin the kitchen, dusting various ornaments be done just as well sitting as standing. When one has been in the habit of standing, or rather in the habit of not sitting, will quickly supplant the old.

Handy Shelves.

built in the wall there are a few shelves arranged at the time of building, but these shelves are not always just what the housekeeper finds handy for her use. The shelves are very often either too wide apart or too close. If the occupant of the house is merely a renter, a change of the shelves would be unwise, but the owner can at small cost change the closet shelves to suit her convenience. Many houses are so built that a wardrobe is unsightly and very much in the way. In that case there must be provision made in the closet for the hatboxes, etc. One side of the closet should be arranged with shelves from the top nearly to the bottom; the center and other end of the closet for suits and dresses. In the bedrooms one or two of the corners could be provided with corner four ends a piece of elastic fixed with sand and one other household duties, shelves. Any carpenter can make them a garter fastener. This will hold the such as kneading bread, mixing things in a very little time out of two pieces of medium-sized boards. From the top ton goods which are now so plentiful in the stores and make a house look charming. Along the ledge of the botto screw hooks can be put in, and many no little difficulty will be experienced at articles which have heretofore lumbered first. But if persevered in the new habit up the dressing-case may be within easy reach and at the same time out of sight.

Built Her Own House.

NE hears so much nowadays of self-made men that it is refreshing, in-deed, to hear of a self-made woman. Down in Kansas there is a young woman who has actually constructed a nine-room house by her own labor. She knew nothing of carpenter work when she began, but necessity proved the mother of invention with a vengeance in her case and she was soon able to disprove the libelous statement that no woman can

drive a nail straight. She started in with just \$7 and ourchased her 100-foot lot on credit. Upon this built with her own hands a twostory frame house, also buying the lumber on the promise of small monthly to board with her and in this manner was able to make her monthly payments and purchase a cow on the same plan.

She sold milk, satisfied her boarders, white and shining.

foundation, set up the frame, plastered and papered the walls and laid the Then she made a lawn, planted fruit trees and flower beds and set her house in order. And all of this was done on a capital or \$7-by a woman.

CLEAN BATHTUBS.

matter how careful a housekeeper Lerally a stain on the bottom bathtub; which will not give way to soap and water, Powdered pumice stone, which can be procured at most of the hardware stores, will immediately remove the stain, and leave the enamel

room in which your laundry work is moth balls for the summer is to cut away done, and if you are compelled to fill each all the worn part and crochet around in parts of charcoal and saltpeter. The chartub with water from the kitchen belier, get hold of an old piece of garden hose and attach one end of it to the fancet



Mr. A. Good Fellow on the Desolate Home-Coming.

tle wife and a comfortable fireside, or, rather, the utter desolation of the bachelor's daily journey homeward, all you want to-but not for mine! Uh-uh! Ne-ver!" remarked Mr. A. Good fellow, evidently quite wrought up over the subject. "I can't see it! Went home with Bliggins last evening to have dinner with him. And let me remark in passing that got wise to a number of little things that have put the eternal kibosh on any fragments of romantic pipe dreams I

may ever have had. Bliggins lives out in the suburbs, you know-a nice, hefty little piece out in the country, with a tortuous lovers' lane walk after you get off the car. All the way out Bliggins had been entertaining me with vivid descriptions of the seven wonders of the world, namely, his wife and his home, each told three and onehalf times to make the seven. And he dilated and expanded and effused and. fact, grew quite verbose over the joys of the open-air life and the home surrounded by spring and the simple life and the forest primeval.
"Well, we finally got there—after swel-

tering along that road from the cars to Utopia-with our collars running down under our neckbands and an embryo Turkish bath breaking out on our fore-heads. Now, it seems Bliggins had failed to wireless Mrs. Bliggins that he had yours truly in tow. So Mrs. B. was all sion-though she sure did welcome me

ALK about the joys of the home | Mrs. Bliggins called Mr. B. back to the | corner stood the whiskey and the siphon coming to the arms of a pretty lit- department de cuisine and set him to work peeling potatoes. And Bliggins went with positive alacrity. Even insisted that I join him, while Mrs. B. gave the joyful little we're-all-boys-together suggestion that I join in the potato party and become one of them. I did.

"That done, we returned to the porch. Mrs. B. sent another 'C Q D' and Bliggins beat it instanter. To my exact knowledge, he hiked on eleven different quests before dinner was ready. And after dinner, lo and behold, he turned in and helped clean up the dishes. Realizing that it was up to me, I also swung on to the wet end of a dish towel, but was hastily relieved of it after I dropped a saucer "After that Bliggins got a big ruralized

water-wagon and sprinkled the flowers around the front of the house. Then some-thing back in the chicken-house needed mending immediately to keep the inhabitants from trespassing on the garden the next day. Another period of rest on the front plazza was then rudely interrupted by the suggestion from Mrs. B. that it was hopeful of the Bliggins was not in sight nor in calling distance, so Papa Bliggins forthwith beat it up the road in search of the youngster. And it was a full 20 minutes before he returned with the lad.
"Long about 9:30 I bade them adieu, hearing Mrs. B. call to her lord and master to be sure and lock up well as I turned

"When I got back to my own little bunk, I almost collapsed from sheer joy. Take it from me there was nothing deso-"We had just gotten groomed up a bit late about that home-coming. There on and comfortable on the front porch when the table was my pipe, and over in the

Care of the Feet.

UCH suffering from the feet may be avoided if a few simple precau-tions are conscientiously taken. Shoes not only of the right size, but of the right shape as well, should be worn. They should be thoroughly comfortable. If one bag what is called tender feet a sufficient quantity of antiseptic cotton should be placed over the sore spots when putting on the stocking. This is easily done if the stocking is first turned wrong side out and then drawn over the foot The cotton acts as a pad and prevents the shoe from rubbing. When your feet ache dip them in warm water for awhile and then rub them while still wet with white vaseline. It softens the flesh. An application of talcum powder afterwards is very

A Ten-Room Cement Block House for \$4,000.

refreshing.

About The Modern Office Building. T isn't often that the average business | each assistant has a certain number of | themselves in the world. Incidentally I

man pauses a moment and forms a rooms for which he is responsible. mental comparison between the present day magnificent office buildings and those of a quarter of a century ago. Today they are gigantic, sky-scraping structures fitted with every convenience and built like the Rock of Gibraltar. Twenty-five years ago the majority of offices were but dingy old buildings with but few of the modern conveniences.

The same difference is impressive con-cerning the care of the office buildings. In years gone by there was but a single janiter, who managed to clean the various rooms of an office building piece by piece during the week. Today, however, cleaned every 24 hours, and the janitor in charge has a large corps of assistants The entire work is so systematized that More than that, a close watch is kept upon

the tenants of the various offices by the watchman. Unless you have an office in building and are known to the man on the first floor on a Sunday or a holiday. In many buildings each floor is patroled by a watchman at definite intervals during the night. Most of the cleaning is done after 6 o'clock in the evening, and the tenant comes down to his office the next

morning to find that it has been cleaned, apparently by unseen hands. The janior's assistants and a large score of scrubwomen fall upon the offices simultaneous and the entire building-even one with 300 rooms-is cleaned completely in an hour. The waste paper is removed, the cuspidors are washed, and even the woodwork is given a thorough cleaning. Often the force will return early in the morning and give the rooms an extra thorough cleaning. The cleaning of the windows is usually done at this hour, and the average office building has its windows washed at least once a week. Every other week the ornamental work of the hallway is carefully cleansed with soft cloths and piled. Eternal vigilance is the price of a desirable office building-from the standpoint of cleanliness-and the warfare against dirt is waged incessantly.

Good Luck in Disguise

PECULIAR case of good luck in disguise came to my notice the other day," remarked a well-known business man in New York recently, "and I cannot help but think that the same thing occur with many young men who | feet he isn't down and out unless he is are just beginning to make a place for | willing to be."

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myself gained from the episode a cheer ing thought and lots of encouragement. There is a certain young man I know who two years ago had worked himself up to a position in a large mencantile Eam which paid him \$150 a month. He had held the position about three years, but during that time had lived almost up to his salary, saving not more than \$10 to \$15 a month. Two years ago he was threatened with tuberculosis, and in consequence took a great deal more sick leave than any other employe. The firm was sympathetic, but business was business, and eventually they were compelled to reluctantly discharge him. He was all in, down and out, and I have never seen a more complete case of hopeless discouragement. With but a few hundred dollars in bank, he could see nothing ahead of him. Today-two years afterwards-I received a letter from him. He enclosed a check for one-third of the comparatively small amount of money I had loaned him, and stated that he was doing the same thing with the three other men who came to his assistance at the time he lost his position. On borrowed capital he had gone to a Western city and started a truck farm about a dozen miles from its outskirts. With the personal assistance of a brother of his, who had previously learned farming at home, he had made sufficient to pay back one-third of his total indebtedness. More than that, he wrote, he was in excellent health and would not go back to his old position for double the money. All of which goes to show that when a man is knocked off his



Houses of this description are in demand and are building in great numbers through the small towns and villages of our country. The design way. The library has a large closet and

adapted to the use of cement blocks. Such way; back of the parlor is the living the control on the outside can be given a water-room and back of that the library. At the right of the living room is the dining-room wash of such color as suits the taste. This wash makes the blocks imthe right of the living room is the diningroom, connecting through columned archand villages of our country. The design shown is simple and plain, but altogether a good comfortable house, and one that is easy to construct of blocks. The size is 28 feet in width by 35 feet in depth, with a wide piazza across the front. The main part of the house is carried around under the front piazza.

There is a large parlor in front, well is way. The library has a large closet and shown is simple and plain, but altogether a bedroom if desired. In the second story are four large and one small bedroom, also bathroom. The attic story provides one large amuse ment hall well lighted through dormer windows. The finish of the house throughout is in hardwood, and the cost, exclusive of heating and plumbing, is

AIN, rectangular houses are best | opened with the hall by a wide-columned | estimated at \$4,000. The cement blocks pervious to the weather and is a good preservative. The rather sombre appearance of the cement block wall can be

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The Bulletin Board Habit. ID you ever try the interesting ex-

periment of standing opposite one of the bulletin boards of any large newspaper and count the number of people who passed without stopping to look at it? Such an experiment may surprise you. You will find that four out of every five men simply cannot pass without doing so, and the fifth man looks over his shoulder as he is passing. The bulletin board has become a habit with the American people. It is the quick way f getting the news of the world up to the minute. Even the most strenuous of business men do not feel that the min-ute or so they spend before the bulletin them the news in a jiffy, and they are nct behind the day's events, even though they do not find time to read a paper thoroughly. The habit has already been contracted by young America, who is interested in the baseball score, if nothing else on the bulletin board. And the women! They, too, are falling into line. Stand in front of one of the bulletin boards tomorrow for even five minutes and count the number of women who do not hesitate to stop for a moment in passing to read the news.

Concerning the Beard HETHER you wear a beard or not.

on will be interested in following the rather curious facts about this hirsute adornment. In Biblical times the heard was a necessity, as its absence was considered a sign of leprosy. Because Philip V. of Spain was unable to grow a beard the gentlemen of his court sacrificed their own in order to save their sovereign embarrassment. When Cicero was exiled the young men of Rome let their beards grow as a sign of mourning An attempt was made to place a tax on beards by Henry VIII. and Queen Elizabeth of England, but public sentiment was so strongly against it that the attempt was dropped. During the reign of James I. it was quite the proper thing to trim the beard in fantastic shapes; even animals were so represented. While the priests of the Roman Catholic Church do not wear beards, those of the Greek Church consider the beard a priestly necessity. The troublesome custom of shaving came originally from Egypt. The Greeks shaved after they had been con-quered by the Romans. And the Romans shaved during the decline of the empire In the present day some medical authorities claim that the beard is unhealthy since it catches germs which are kept alive by the warmth of the breath, while others contend it is a protection to the throat from diseases of the larynx.

